	दुर्घटनाओं की संख्या	विमानों की संख्या
1995-96	27	28
1996-97 (28.2.97 तक)	18	19

भारतीय वायुसेना के विमान की प्रत्येक दुर्घटना की तफतीश जांच अदालत करती है। तहकीकात करने से पता चला है कि मुख्य रूप से ऐसी दुर्घटनाएं मानवीय चूक, तकनीकी दोषों तथा पक्षियों से टकराने से होती हैं। दुर्घटनाओं का गहन अध्ययन करने के लिए रक्षा मंत्री के वैज्ञानिक सलाहकार की अध्यक्षता में एक विशेषज्ञ समिति का गठन किया गया है। इसके अलावा ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं को तात्कालिक आधार पर रोकने के लिए हवाई सहायता व आक्रमण पद्धतियों की समीक्षा की गई है। कृषि मंत्रालय तथा शहरी कार्य तथा रोजगार मंत्रालय और संबंधित राज्य सरकारों ने पशुबध गृहों/पशु अवशेष निपटान केन्द्रों के आधुनिकीकरण और पक्षियों के आने-जाने को कम करने के लिए वायु क्षेत्रों से लगे इलाकों की सफाई के वास्ते भी कदम उठाए हैं।

Decommissioning INS Vikrant

1203. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that INS Vikrant has been decommissioned from the Indian Navy;

(b) whether any other aircraft carrier is being commissioned to replace it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) Yes, Sir. INS Vikrant has been decommissioned with effect from 31st January, 1997 on completion of its life cycle.

(b) to (d) There is a proposal for purchase of an aircaft carrier as replacement for INS Vikrant.

Additional facilities to Indian Coast Guard

1204. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Coast Guards have submitted a plan to Government for seeking additional fast patrol vessels, hover crafts, aircrafts, helicopters and manpower besides two more bases in Gujarat and Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on each item by Government in this regard; and

(c) the site of bases proposed to be created in Gujarat in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Government have under consideration certain plans for strengthening of Indian Coast Guards. It is not considered desirable to disclose details at this stage.

Voluntary retirement by Defence officers

1205. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Defence officers are opting voluntary retirement resulting into shortage of officers;

(b) if so, the number of officers who opted voluntary retirement during the last three years, year-wise in different commands, command-wise and wing-wise;

(c) the extent of shortage of officers strength as on date in three wings of Army, Air Force and Navy separately; and

(d) the steps taken to check such exodus?